

**2013 SkillsUSA Kentucky  
Leadership Conference & Skills Championship  
April 2-5 at the Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY**

# **Carpentry 1**



***Co-Sponsored by: Home Builders Association of KY  
and Messer Construction Co.***

***Held at the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters Training Center***

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**Skills**



***America needs***

# 2013 SkillsUSA Kentucky Carpentry 1 Judges Sponsored by HBAK and Messer Construction Co.



*Photo at left: Carpentry 1 judges pose with Larry Johnson, SkillsUSA State Director and Daren Thompson, K4C President.*

*From l to r: Matt Upton, Joey Summers (Contest Chairman), Keenan Weir, and Robby Cashen from Messer Construction Co.; Bryan Taylor, Anderson Co. Sheriff's Office and former SkillsUSA student; Larry Johnson, state director; Lora Werner, HBAK Daren Thompson, K4C Mac Crawford, HBAK and Crawford Construction Co.*

**Partnership was the key word during this year's SkillsUSA KY state conference and especially in the Carpentry 1 competition where both the Home Builders Association of Kentucky (HBAK) and Messer Construction Company jointly sponsored the event. Joey Summers (Messer Construction Co.), and Lora Werner and Mac Crawford (HBAK) served as the contest chairmen. As a result of the partnership, beginning carpentry students were under the eyes of professionals, as well as the experience of industry representatives who served as judges. Both the HBAK and Messer Construction Co. each provided a \$500 donation that bought the prizes for first through third place winners and helped purchase some of the supplies for the competitors. This sponsorship made an impact on the competitors, their advisors and school administrators.**



# 2013 SkillsUSA Kentucky - Carpentry 1 Winners

## Sponsored in part by HBAK



***Photo at left, (l to r): Mr. Glen Stuckel, HBAK;  
Allon Stephens, Southside Technical Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> place;  
Robert Wingert, Carter Co. CTC, 1<sup>st</sup> place;  
Chad Robertson, Fulton Co. ATC, 3<sup>rd</sup> place;  
and Lora Werner, Homebuilders Association of Kentucky, and contest chairman.***

# Fran Dundon, SkillsUSA Kentucky, Recognizes HBAK



**Left to right:**  
**Mr. Glen Stuckel, HBAK;**  
**Fran Dundon, SkillsUSA**  
**KY and Lora Werner,**  
**HBAK.**

**HBAK was recognized**  
**during the opening**  
**session for prize**  
**sponsorship and industry**  
**judges.**

**Dundon:**

**“SkillsUSA KY was**  
**stronger this year as a**  
**result of HBAK and**  
**other partnership**  
**efforts. Our students**  
**could actually see and**  
**feel the support from**  
**business and industry**  
**and, it will mean more**  
**competitors next year.**  
**This is priceless.**

**Lora Werner**  
**Director of Member Services**  
**Home Builders Association of Kentucky:**



**“The Home Builders Association of Kentucky is constantly looking for ways to**  
**promote workforce development. By taking an active role in the SkillsUSA**  
**Kentucky State Skills Championship and Carpentry I competition, HBAK is**  
**providing students with an avenue for success while exposing them to a career in**  
**residential construction.”**

**“It’s a natural fit for**  
**all of us to work**  
**together and form a**  
**mutually beneficial**  
**partnership that**  
**provides successful**  
**outcomes for everyone.”**



# 2013 SkillsUSA Kentucky - Carpentry 1 Winners

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***Photo, (l to r): Robby Arrasmith, Messer Construction Co.;  
Allon Stephens, Southside Technical Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Robert Wingert, Carter Co. CTC, 1<sup>st</sup> place;  
Chad Robertson, Fulton Co. ATC, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and  
Joey Summers, Messer Construction Co. and Carpentry 1 Contest Chairman***

# Fran Dundon recognizes Joey Summers, Messer Construction Co.

**Summers:**

***"Messer Construction supports SkillsUSA KY because of its success in building the future leaders of our industry. We understand the need to invest in our youth for sustained growth."***

**Dundon:**

***"Students who competed in carpentry 1 were acutely aware that industry professionals were in control this year. Not only did this make an impression on the students, it gave them confidence that business and industry are actively involved and interested in the future workforce. It gave them a purpose for being enrolled in their carpentry programs, hope that there are good paying jobs in the field, and, that some of the judges might be looking for employees to hire. Then, when they returned to school, they spread the word in a positive light about the great prizes given during the awards program. Why? Because business and industry made the difference – a tangible difference and they noticed!"***

***"One thing is for sure, SkillsUSA can be a pathway to reach the future workforce."***





# 2013 SkillsUSA Kentucky Carpentry 1 Winner

## Robert Wingert, Carter Co. CTC, 1st place



**Robert Wingert  
Carpentry Student  
Carter County CTC:**

*“Winning this contest was a great accomplishment to achieve and I could not have done it without everyone’s support.*

*“I want to thank Messer Construction and the Home Builders Association of Kentucky for the great gifts that I received by winning the Carpentry 1 contest. This meant a lot to me to see the support that companies have for students.”*

**Steve Stubbs, Principal, Carter County CTC:**

*“I want to thank the business partners for the support they showed our SkillsUSA students as this kind of generosity has a big impact on them. As a former advisor and now administrator, seeing students express their excitement and show off both their medals and prizes is fantastic. This support from great companies is what makes and keeps students motivated to do their best and to be the next great work force.”*

# SkillsUSA Kentucky Carpentry 1 Contest

## Allon Stephens, Southside TC, 2nd place



**Stephens:**

*“For me it showed that they appreciate what I have learned so far and to encourage me to continue my pursuits and goals in life. I’d like to thank HBAK for the gifts that you donated when you didn’t have to give that much. You made the gifts worthwhile which is why I appreciate them.”*

**Daryn Morris, Principal  
Southside Technical Center:**

**Messer**  
WeAreBuilding.

*“I would like to thank Messer Construction Co. and HBAK for their support of SkillsUSA and the carpentry 1 contest this year! The sponsorship goes well beyond students receiving gifts for their performance. The sponsorship demonstrates the commitment from the business community in Kentucky to educate and train a future workforce to fulfill the needs of the commonwealth.”*



# **SkillsUSA Kentucky Carpentry 1 Contest**

## **Chad Robertson, Fulton Co. ATC, 3rd place**



***Chad Robertson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Fulton County ATC:***

***"The SkillsUSA state Carpentry 1 contest was a great learning experience for me. It was very professionally run and the cordless drill prize for coming in 3rd place was a great surprise and will be put to good use. I really appreciate the opportunity to participate."***



***Ronnie Harper,  
Carpentry Instructor  
Fulton County ATC :***



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***"This was the first year that we have had a student compete in Carpentry 1 at the state level. I***

***was very impressed by the contest and the good judging. My student was thrilled to receive the cordless drill for a prize. This was a great opportunity for my student and the other students to showcase the skills that they are learning in their Carpentry programs. We are very appreciative of Messer Construction Co. for helping SkillsUSA KY put on a first class competition."***